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1. During the period of November 1954 through April 1956, the 1109th Unit of the 583rd Army Unit (Supreme Headquarters, Korean People's Armed Forces)<sup>1</sup> was engaged in the following construction activities: 25X1

Construction of Ministry of National Defense Building

2. The Unit was engaged in this construction work until November 1954. Many of the unit personnel gained very distinguished records during this work, including one (1) individual, a Labor Hero, who was successful in laying 20,000 (sic) bricks in one day.<sup>2</sup>

Construction of Pyöngyang 9th Middle School

3. On 15 November 1954, the 3rd Company (7th Battalion) began the construction of the Pyöngyang 9th Middle School, and the work was completed on 15 January 1956. During the work, the company personnel boarded at hastily-built barracks close to the construction site. A portion of the materials used in this building, were those which had been left over from the construction of the Ministry of National Defense building. Successful in the completion of the work within the scheduled period of time, the company personnel won official commendations from the Ministry of Education and from the school authorities.

Repair of Pilots' Billets in Mirim-ni [Pyöngyang]

4. During the period of 16 January to 30 January 1956, a portion of the battalion personnel<sup>3</sup> were engaged in the repair of the pilots' billets in Mirim-ni. During this time, the workers were in two (2) groups - one (1) stationed at Mirim-ni, and the other at Songsin-ni, both locations in Pyöngyang.

Construction of Radar Installation on Hodo-bando [Hamgyöng-nando]

5. On 1 February 1956, the personnel of the 2nd Platoon and the 3rd Platoon, both of the 3rd Company, 90 personnel in all, left Pyöngyang for Wönsan to construct the buildings of a radar site on Hodo-bando. On the same day, another group, consisting of the personnel of the 1st Platoon and the 4th Platoon (3rd Company), also left Pyöngyang, but for Chöngjin, to undertake construction of the same nature.
6. On 2 February, the former group<sup>4</sup> (2nd and 3rd Platoons) arrived on Hodo-bando<sup>5</sup> via a patrol boat, which they had boarded in the northern port of Wönsan. At the radar site (CU 760503), the personnel built three (3) brick buildings, all of which were completed on 20 April 1956.<sup>6</sup>
7. The following is the particulars concerning the structure of the buildings:
  - A. The radar room, which consumed a total of 6,000 bricks from Wönsan, was roofed with slate from Kaesöng. The building was six (6) meters long, four (4) meters wide, and high.
  - B. The power generation room, to be equipped with power generation facilities to supply electricity for the operation of the radar, was built midway up a hill, and was similar in structure to the radar room. This building was approximately ten (10) meters northeast of the radar room.

- C. The billets, located at the foot of a hill and approximately 50 meters from the power generation room, was built with a total of 22,000 bricks, and was 16 meters long, five (5) meters wide and high. It was large enough to accommodate approximately 100 personnel.
- D. The installation of the radar equipment was not observed, but the box containing the radar was seen when it was carried into the radar room for installation. The box was approximately 1.3 meters high and 1.2 meters long, and had handles on both sides. There was a triangular microwave communications antenna, approximately 18 meters long, which was erected three (3) meters to the north of the radar room.<sup>7</sup>

#### Construction of Radar Installation in Ch'ongjin [Hamgyong-bukto]

8. The construction of a radar site was completed on Komal-san (EB 702237), Northeast of Ch'ongjin-si.<sup>8</sup>

#### Construction of Radar Site in Nampo and Construction of Nampo Naval Operations Base

9. The two (2)-platoon group of personnel working on the radar installation in Ch'ongjin, next went to Nampo, to construct a radar site at an unknown location.
10. The personnel of the 4th Company (7th Battalion, 583rd Army Unit) began the construction of the Nampo Naval Operations Bases in February 1956.

1. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] Comment: It was heard that the personnel of the 2nd and 4th Companies and of the battalion command post had completed the construction of 20 buildings and one (1) bomb arsenal at the Kusong Airfield, on 15 November 1954.

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4. [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] Comment: Before starting the construction of the radar site, Captain YU Sung-sŏn (NTA) [REDACTED] commander of the 3rd Company, told the personnel of the company, that the construction of the buildings at the radar site on Hodo-bando and in Ch'ongjin, should be accomplished during the period of 2 February to 25 April 1956, and urged them to launch the construction under a campaign for the soonest possible completion of the work.

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6. [REDACTED] Comment: According to hearsay, this radar installation was designed to detect any approach of South Korean boats along the East Coast. The area commands a good view of the sea, and the buildings, erected on the slope of a hill near gun emplacements, are not visible from the sea.

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- [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED] Comment: The installation of the radar equipment was handled by the North Korean Navy. Naval personnel were observed carrying a wooden box into the radar room, and they stated that it contained the radar equipment. 25X1
8. Comment: [REDACTED] installation of the radar in Chŏngjin [REDACTED] The commander of the company admonished the company personnel, stating, "You guys are lagging in construction. Those company personnel in Chŏngjin have already finished their job and have left for Nampo on another job". 25X1  
The commander also stated that buildings similar to those at the radar site on Hodo-bando, were constructed in Chŏngjin. [REDACTED] 25X1
9. Comment: [REDACTED] the construction of the naval operations base would be completed within the year. 25X1

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